

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed February 8, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-3, 9, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Poisner* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,842,776).

As indicated above, independent claims 1 and 17 have been amended through this Response. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in a previous form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Turning to the merits of the *Poisner* reference, Applicant notes that *Poisner* fails to teach maintaining subscription profiles for subscribers that indicate the subscribers' preferences in regard to event notifications and periodic subscription reports that can be provided to the subscribers. Indeed, *Poisner* is completely silent as to subscription profiles.

Furthermore, Applicant notes that *Poisner* does not teach "automatically sending to designated subscribers event notifications upon occurrence of the peripheral device events". Instead, *Poisner* discloses "periodic reports" that can be provided to a user, such as a consumer. Since the reports are periodic, they are not notifications sent "upon occurrence" of the events.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

1. Rejection of Claims 5-19

Claims 5-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Poisner* in view of *Grasso, et al.* ("Grasso," U.S. Pat. No. 5,892,909). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As is identified above, *Poisner* does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that *Grasso* does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Poisner* reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5-19 are allowable over the *Poisner/Grasso* combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 17 are allowable over *Poisner*.

2. Rejection of Claim 20

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Poisner* in view of *Barrett, et al.* ("Barrett," U.S. Pat. No. 5,568,612). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As is identified above, *Poisner* does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that *Barrett* does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Poisner* reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is allowable over the *Poisner/Barrett* combination for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable over *Poisner*.

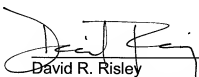
III. Canceled Claims

Claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 14, and 15 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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